

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

ALLEN, Tom (Democrat)  
Representative, 1st District, Maine  
Elected 1996 to the 105th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Portland, Maine - 16 April 1945

Home: Portland, Maine

Marital Status: Married (Diana) - 2 children

Religion: Protestant

Education: Bowdoin College, BA, 1967; Oxford University, BPhil, 1970; Harvard, JD, 1974

Military: None

Profession: Local government official

Political: Portland City Council, 1989-91; Mayor of Portland, 1991-3. Defeated incumbent Rep James B. Longley, Jr (R) with 55% of the vote in 1996. Reelected in 1998 and 2000 with 60% of the vote, and in 2002 with 64%.

Rep Allen was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford with former President Clinton. Bath Iron Works, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and Naval Air Station Brunswick are in his district.

In the 107th Congress, expressed disappointment that the Rules Cmte disallowed his amdt to the State Dept authorization to establish a special coordinator for Korea to negotiate the end of the North Korean missile program; suggested that Republicans are not interested in getting rid of those missiles because they are apparently needed to "justify the President's extravagant, unworkable missile defense scheme." Participated in a special order to discuss the administration's policy on national missile defense. Appointed to the British-American Interparliamentary Group. Initiated a special order to discuss the economic stimulus package. Believed that huge tax breaks for some of the largest US corporations makes no sense when we are engaged in a war on terrorism and we are asking our citizens to pull together. Suggested other priorities, such as improving aviation security and research to address the threat of bioterrorism. Noted that earlier the question was what to do with the surplus and now we know there isn't one. He and a colleague are expected to spearhead effort to rewrite A-76 contracting out policy. A supporter of the ABM Treaty, believed that the White House would soften the impact of withdrawal by continuing to push for reductions in nuclear forces. Expressed disappointment with the HASC's reluctance to devote any real oversight or critical attention to missile defense programs. Encouraged the military to buy shirts from C. F. Hathaway Co. of Maine in order to help save that company. Signed additional views to the FY 03 DoD Auth objecting to the inclusion of a section dealing with the Utah Test and Training Range. Believed that the administration has yet to make a balanced, coherent, well-defended case that environmental laws that DoD finds inconvenient should be changed. Expressed concern about the aggressive nuclear positions outlined in the DoD Auth bill and proposed amdts to the bill. Attended the 38th annual Wehrkunde Conference in Munich to address issues of mutual international concern. Also represented the HASC on a congressional mission to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Pakistan.

Additional: His grandfather and father served as president of the Portland City Council.

AF Bases: Searsport Defense Fuel Support Point

## COMMITTEES

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